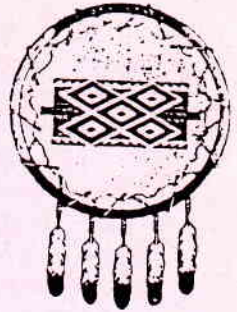


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# David Gipp is a Type A catalyst for change

By VICKI VOSKUIL  
Tribune Staff Writer

Sitting in his office at United Tribes Technical College, Dr. Gipp is a blend of cultures. His gray Glenn-plaid suit is set off by a vibrant beaded neck ornament.

He's a busy man, an admitted Type A personality (intense) who doesn't believe in vacations for himself. His office is strewn with Indian artwork not yet hung, a task that hasn't fit into his seven-day work week of improving the lives of Native Americans.

Sometimes he takes a day off but his best thinking is done in his Mandan home between midnight and 3 a.m. About 60 percent of his time is administering the 280-

student campus on the site of old Fort Lincoln south of Bismarck. Otherwise, he's acting as liaison

functioning today," says Gipp, who prefers behind-the-scenes, roll-up-your-shirt-sleeves work.

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

and resource for tribes that support the college.

United Tribes has only one likeness in the nation. This uniqueness has largely defines Gipp's role in advancing the college's programs and funding. His latest project is in Washington where he is helping form policy on Indian libraries.

"Young Indians need to know what values are. It can't be word of mouth: the oral tradition is not

"I really believe strongly that Indians need to make it happen for themselves. We're not happy with the welfare system and suffer from dependency issues."

But Gipp is an optimist — "In this business you can't be anything else. If not, it prevents people from coming up with alternatives and means you can't make a commitment."

Any pessimism he has is overshadowed by seeing people

succeed.

He'd like to see stronger working relationships between Bismarck's colleges and feels UTTC provides a work force and economic benefits to the city. In his endeavors he wants to be viewed as fair-minded, open to ideas, credible, with an ability to deal with trust.

Good company makes him happy, as do stories of personal success. He also enjoys reading and biking. He's most proud of the new federal law he helped make on recognizing tribal college systems.

He hopes his ideas and life's work will make a mark somewhere and that he's "done the job well enough so others can pick up and carry on."



### BIO BITS

NAME: David M. Gipp  
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United Tribes, Bismarck.

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single, Hunkpapa Lakota,  
born and raised at Fort  
Yates, political science  
degree from UND, honorary  
doctorate, NDSU.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:  
Obtained North Central  
Association accreditation for  
UTTC in 1987, enabled  
legislation defining tribally  
controlled colleges.

WHO I AM: "I like to think  
I'm a serious thinker."

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### Cafeteria Noon Menu:

Dates: MARCH 18 to MARCH 22

Mon.-	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Tues.-	Baked Ham
Wed.-	Liver 'n Onions
Thurs.-	Hamburger-On-A-Bun
Fri.-	Fish Nuggets

TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA!!!!!!

The answer to last week's Trivia Question about the Faculty member who was in the Peace Corps in Africa was: Anne Kuyper, Personal Development Instructor. The winners of Trivia were NORMA PELTIER and ROBERT HLAVINKA, UTTC students, and VERZELLA CADOTTE, a member of the UTTC Staff. CONGRATULATIONS, WINNERS!

There are so many of our faculty, staff, and administrators who have interesting and little-known interests, etc. that Lois Lane has decided to do a series of Trivia Questions about our UTTC people. WHAT A WEALTH OF FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT FASCINATING PEOPLE TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT!!!

But you don't know who this is: WHAT UTTC STAFF MEMBER RAISES EXOTIC PETS, SUCH AS LLAMAS, MINIATURE GOATS, PEA-FOWL, ETC.!? If you THINK you know, give Lois Lane a call at EXT. 227. You win a 6-pack of Coke or Pepsi if you guess correctly! DO SOME RESEARCH! "Who is the miniature-goat-raiser in our midst???"

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VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS! VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS! VERY IMPORTANT!!!!!!

ATTENTION, PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ATTEND THE UTTC NURSERY: There will be a Parent Meeting on THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1991 at 12:00 Noon in the Nursery Area. Lunch will be provided. WE HOPE THAT ALL THE PARENTS CAN MAKE IT!

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WATCH THE NEWSLETTER and the BULLETIN BOARDS ON CAMPUS for announcements of a very important conference for UTTC Staff and Students to be presented by West Central this month. IT SHOULD BE VERY INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE!

"THANK YOU!"

to

all the Parents who have volunteered their time at the Nursery! YOUR HELP IS VERY MUCH NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

from Sandy

G.E.D. CLASSES for all UTTC students who need to get their G.E.D. are held every Tuesday and Thursday, morning and afternoon in the English area of the Education Building Downstairs. Study modules are also in the Computer Area. Please contact Mary Lemcke at EXT. 227 to set up a time for working on the material required to prepare for the G.E.D.

The tests for the G.E.D. are given at the Adult Education Resource Center at 210 West Bowen in Bismarck. The schedule for testing at the Adult Education Resource Center is: Wednesdays, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Thursdays, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Fridays, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

You must make an appointment to take the tests in Bismarck. Mary can set up the appointment for you, or you can call: Edi Thomas, GED Examiner, 224-5510.

If you need to get your G.E.D., make arrangements NOW to schedule time during the week (If Tuesdays and Thursdays don't work for you, we can make other arrangements) to prepare for your G.E.D. testing.

PVT. DEAN GILLIS WAS A GUEST AT UNITED TRIBES IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS RETURN HOME.

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# It's OK to be a veteran

## First infantryman welcomed home

By JEFF OLSON  
Tribune Staff Writer

**A** Desert Storm hero came home Wednesday, bringing nothing but sunshine.

When Army Pvt. Dean Gillis stepped off the plane, he was mobbed by family members and applauded by waiting passengers who cheered the soldier's return.

"Thank God we did it better this time," said Jim Dermody, a business traveler from Chicago, as he watched Gillis and his family walk away to the baggage claim area.

"I think the whole American psyche was impacted by the Vietnam experience, and I don't think anyone wants to go through that again."

Dermody, Frank Donohue, also from Chicago, and Bruce Milton of Minneapolis were waiting to fly home when they heard the airport announcement that Gillis had just returned from war duty in the Persian Gulf.

Dressed in power suits, these men who served military stints in less glamorous times watched with tears in their eyes as the 21-year-old Lakota Sioux from Standing Rock Indian Reservation stepped into the passenger terminal.

Dermody had served as a National Guard soldier when students protested in the streets of Washington during the 1960s.

Milton was a reservist and Donohue was active duty during the Korean War, a war "everyone's forgotten about," he said.

"I think a lot of people remember how the military was treated when they came home from Vietnam," Donohue said. "This was handled a lot better."

The men said the Persian Gulf War made them proud to be Americans again.

After kissing his wife, Michelle, and 17-month-old son, Elliot, Gillis turned to the airport crowd and asked: "Are there any questions?"

There were plenty. Gillis was the first North Dakota infantryman returning from Saudi Arabia. He belongs to the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division.

"You don't know how relieved I am," said his mother, Bernice Iron Eyes of Fort Yates. "I'm relieved, grateful and thankful. My prayers have been answered and I am so very proud."

Gillis guarded Iraqi prisoners (More on VETERAN, back page)

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By TOM STROMME of the Tribune

*Army Pvt. Dean Gillis received a warm welcome from his 17-month-old son, Elliot, at the Bismarck airport.*

of war, but he wasn't hurt.

But sticking out of his dress uniform sleeve was his heavily bandaged right hand. "I slipped on the ice and sprained it when I got back to Germany," he said.

He talked of almost nightly Scud missile attacks Iraq launched toward the Saudi coastal city of Dhahran.

Standing guard on the roof of his barracks one night, Gillis saw a Patriot missile collide with a Scud. He said a single Iraqi missile came in "about 50 meters over my head" and off to the side. The Patriot caught up to the Scud only 30 to 40 feet off the ground and blew it up, with the debris falling into the sand 150 meters away.

"I had a buddy that got a piece of it," he said. "It scared a lot of people."

The war was an experience "I

don't want to go through again," Gillis said.

"It felt good to serve my country. Everywhere along the way when we were coming home, people stopped and applauded."

At Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport, Gillis found 10 soldiers from his unit traveling together. "People really applauded, and it felt really good as we walked through."

Dean and Michelle have a lot to celebrate while he is home.

"They were high school sweethearts," his mother said: "Their third wedding anniversary is March 9."

The unit Gillis served with — C Company of the 116th Infantry based in Stuttgart, Germany — was given just few days notice to get ready to move. They landed "In Country" on Dec. 5

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ALSO, ANY STUDENTS OF UTTC WHO HAVE ANY POEMS, OR ARTICLES OF INTEREST, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR WORK PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER, PLEASE SUBMIT THEM TO BEV HUBER OR ARLENE FOGG.

at Dhahran and returned to Germany shortly before the ground war broke out on Feb. 23.

Many soldiers, told they were to be sent back to Germany and then onto the U.S., volunteered to stay and fight. Gillis was among those volunteers.

After being told their duty was done, Gillis decided to come home. He said homesickness, missile attacks and constant changes into full chemical suits and masks were more than enough. "Everyone wants to come home," he said.

Three years into his four-year hitch in the Army, Gillis said the experience in Saudi Arabia helped him decide to make the military his career.

He'll be home for a 35-day leave and then report to Fort Riley, Kan., with Michelle and Elliot.